

Appendix F: Response to Comments on Salmon River Temperature TMDL
Compiled by NCRWQCB staff

List of Comment Letters:

- United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Klamath National Forest, Margaret J. Boland, Forest Supervisor
- Karuk Tribe of California, Sandi Tripp, Director of Natural Resources
- Shasta Nation Tribe of California, Gary Lake, Vice Chair
- The Klamath Basin Coalition, Glen Spain, Coalition Co-Chair
- Klamath Forest Alliance, Petey Brucker, Rivers Coordinator
- Salmon River Restoration Council, Jim Villaponteaux and Lyra Cressey
- Patrick Higgins, Consulting Fisheries Biologist
- Sari Sommarstrom, Ph.D., Sari Sommarstrom and Associates

The Proposed Salmon River Temperature Total Maximum Daily Load and Implementation Plan public comment period was published in various newspapers of record on April 15, 2005. Additional notices were mailed to an interested parties mailing list database maintained by Regional Water Board staff. On May 4, 2005, the Regional Water Board conducted a Public Workshop at Weaverville, California. The workshop included a staff report, public comments, and a discussion by the Regional Water Board members. On May 5, 2005, staff conducted a Public Workshop at Sawyers Bar, California. The workshop included a staff report, public comments, and discussion. The public comment period ended on May 16, 2005. Eight comment letters were received. The comments have been transcribed, where necessary, and included as Appendix E of the Salmon River Temperature TMDL and Implementation Plan document.

The written comments generally supported the approach taken by Regional Water Board staff. Comments covered four general topics: supportive, suggestive, clarifying, and cautionary. Supportive comments commend staff for the quality and clarity of the main TMDL report, as well as the technical approach taken. Suggestive comments included references to improve the fisheries (Appendix A), channel dynamics, and stream temperature modeling uncertainty aspects of the report. Several comments were provided which indicated missing references. Additional clarification was requested with respect to a few technical questions. The relationship of the Salmon River TMDL to tribal trust issues was raised.

Staff used the comments provided to prepare a revised Proposed Salmon River Temperature Total Maximum Daily Load and Implementation Plan in the following ways: references were added for completeness; small clarifications were made in key parts of the TMDL report; a section was added to the TMDL report to present more of the temperature trend data (Appendix D); and all written comments were appended to the report (Appendix E). The large quantity of references and information provided, do not prompt any changes to the approach or conclusions, but should be of value to any future reports prepared on the Salmon River.